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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
NEW JERSEY STATE
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

DONNA L. BLACKMAN, L.P.N. License # NP 05883300

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is a licensed practical nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
- 2. On or about September 4, 2012, respondent was convicted of shoplifting in violation of N.J.S. 2C:20-11B(1).
- 3. On July 31, 2012, an inquiry was sent to respondent on behalf of the Board, inquiring, inter alia, whether she had taken continuing education in the last three years, and requiring that she provide documentation of continuing education taken.

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- 3. Respondent provided documentation of having completed forty six (46) continuing education credits in nursing, all of which were completed either on September 13, 2012 or September 18, 2012.
- 4. On respondent's renewal application submitted on May 28, 2011, respondent indicated that she would have timely completed her continuing education requirements for the 2009-2011 renewal period by May 31, 2011. This information was inaccurate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Respondent's conviction on charges of shoplifting, an offense relating adversely to the practice of nursing, subjects respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f).
- 2. Respondent's failure to demonstrate timely completion of the continuing education obligation for the 2009-2011 renewal cycle constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, and subjects respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).
- 3. Respondent's indication that she would have timely completed the 2010-2012 continuing education obligation, constitutes misrepresentation or deception within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on January 10, 2013, provisionally imposing a public reprimand and \$250.00 civil penalty for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-2(f), and a public reprimand for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).copy of the Order was forwarded to respondent by certified and regular mail at her address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless

respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for modification and reasons therefor.

Although the record reflects that the certified mailing of the Provisional Order was signed for, and the regular mailing was not returned, no written response has been received to date. The Board found that service had been effected, inasmuch as the mailings had been sent to respondent's address of record with the Board. The Board further found that as no material discrepancies had been raised with respect to the findings of fact and conclusions of law, additional proceedings were not necessary, and the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 12^{M} day of March , 2013, ORDERED that:

- 1. A public reprimand is hereby imposed upon respondent based upon the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f) as she was convicted of shoplifting.
- 2. A second public reprimand is hereby imposed upon respondent's New Jersey nursing license based upon respondent's provision of inaccurate information on her renewal application in 2012 in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).
- 3. A \$250.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), and an additional penalty of \$250.00 is provisionally imposed for the failure to comply with N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3., for a total penalty amount of \$500.00. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, made payable to the State of

New Jersey, and sent within twenty one (21) days of the filing of this order to the attention of George Hebert, R.N., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, A

Board President